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Jawhar Sircar, presently Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, belongs to the 1975 batch of IAS of West Bengal. He holds two post-graduate degrees in Ancient Indian History & Culture and in Sociology with Social Anthropology.

He has served as Additional (later Special) Secretary and Development Commissioner for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the Government of India since mid-2006. Prior to this, he has held the posts of Higher Education Secretary and Principal Secretary of Commerce and Industries in West Bengal.

Jawhar Sircar has been actively associated with several cultural and academic bodies like the Asiatic Society, the Victoria Memorial, the Centre for Archaeological Studies, the Kolkata Museum of Modern Art and the Indian Anthropological Society. He took the lead in establishing the annual Kolkata Film Festival as an international event. He has published several articles and research papers on history, culture and society. In the last decade, he has focussed his research on specific aspects of popular culture, folk religion and on the development of socio-religious identities.